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High school student Kazuki Mato had no clue what he was in for when he rescued damsel in distress Tokiko from a monster known as a "homonculus." Disguised as humans—who actually eat humans—homonculus are malevolent creatures that affix themselves to people's brains, and once fully grown, the only thing that can annihilate them is a weapon called *Buso Renkin*.

Kazuki's black kokugane, which powers his *Buso Renkin* weapon and keeps him alive, will soon advance to the point where it begins draining life from others around him. Teaming up with his partner Tokiko, Kazuki leaves on a mission to find out more about the black kokugane in hopes of keeping this from happening. Meanwhile they encounter an elite group of Alchemist Warriors that have been assigned to hunt them down and kill them!



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Hot Springs Vacation

At the end of last year, I took a trip to the hot springs with a group of manga artists. "It is extremely difficult for busy people, especially manga artists, to coordinate anything as a group." (That's a line from Mito Ito's *Normandy Sweet Club*.) Normally, group trips like this one don't happen, but it did! We were loud on the bus ride there, enjoyed the hot springs, and relaxed at the inn. It was like being on a school trip again after 30 years. It lasted only two days and one night, but we all had a great time.

It's something that's not likely to happen every year, but if the opportunity arises, I would really like to go again.

—Nobuhiro Watsuki

Nobuhiro Watsuki earned international accolades for his first major manga series, *Rurouni Kenshin*, about a wandering swordsman in Meiji Era Japan. Serialized in Japan's *Weekly Shonen Jump* from 1994 to 1999, *Rurouni Kenshin*, available in North America from VIZ Media, quickly became a worldwide sensation, inspiring a spin-off short story ("Yihiko no Sakurabito"), an animated TV show and a series of novels. Watsuki's latest hit, *Baka Renshin*, began publication in *Weekly Shonen Jump* in 2003 and was adapted into an animated TV series in 2006.

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Alchemy

Alchemy is an early scientific practice combining elements of various disciplines that swept through Europe into the colonies. Its goal was the transmutation of base metals into gold and the creation of an Elixir of Immortality, neither of which succeeded. The alchemists of the world of Irgys, alchemy subject of two contradictory supernatural sciences—the Homonculi and the Katakune.



Kazuki Mato

Kazuki was once killed by a homonculus but was restored to life by Yodoko, who replaced his heart with a magical talisman called a Katakune. Kazuki is 16 years old, a year older than his sister, Makoto. His true identity is a name called "Nightlight Heart."

CHARACTERS

Homonculi

An artificial being created by alchemy. The form and powers of the homonculus differ depending on the alchemist it was based on. Homonculi tend to be very weak, and can only be destroyed by the power of alchemy.

Katakune

The Katakune are forged from a magical alchemical alloy. They are activated by the deepest part of the human psyche, one's basic emotions. Each Katakune can materialize a unique weapon called a Heart-Render.



Yodoko Tsunomura

Appointed to be an Alchemical Warrior, an expert of Heart-Render. Her true identity is a Death-Scythe called the "Vengeful Sinner."



Mithenard



Captain Bravo
(Pamela Robinson)



Fushion
(Kazuhiko Okumaki)



Chibiusa



Chibi Tsunokuni



Angel Cosmos

S T O R Y

Alchemist Warrior Tokuo Tsumura comes to Clow City and uses himself as bait for the homunculi, artificial life forms that seek to be deities by devouring unsuspecting humans. Unaware of Tokuo's intentions, high school student Kazaruki Mito tries to save him and is killed in the process. Tokuo restores Kazaruki's life with an alchemical talisman called a kagigane, and now he fights at Tokuo's side. Kazaruki and his fellow Alchemist Warriors are ordered to seek out and destroy the L.X.E., an evil organization of homunculi. L.X.E. leader Doctor Balthazar plans to revive a former Alchemist Warrior named Victor, so he plots to take the life energy of all the students at Clow Academy in order to do so. Kazaruki arrives too late to stop Victor's awakening and actually has his Black Kagigane, the Sunlight Heart, broken during battle. Since the kagigane was acting as Kazaruki's heart as well, Kazaruki seemingly dies. However, Kazaruki's broken kagigane is actually a Black kagigane (like the one Victor had), so Kazaruki is endowed with great strength as well as skin and hair color like Victor. But the black kagigane makes Kazaruki steal life energy from anyone around him, including all the students of the school. Seeing that the battle can't be settled right away, Victor leaves, claiming to want to see the world after a century of being dormant. With Victor gone, Kazaruki sets to fight deities and he reverts to his normal self. Summer vacation starts and the students of the dorm head to the beach for an overnight trip. That night, Captain Bravo tells Kazaruki the history behind the Black kagigane and Victor. He also reveals that Kazaruki himself will become like Victor in six weeks and that an order has been placed by the Alchemist Army to re-revitalize Kazaruki. Kazaruki decides to fight, hoping to find a cure. Doubts his resolve, Kazaruki is defeated by Captain Bravo and is sent into the ocean. Tokuo recovers Kazaruki from the sea and nurtures him, using his own life energy to do so. Kazaruki and Tokuo decide to head for the place where Tokuo recovered the Black kagigane, seeing the bond between them, Goate—a fellow Alchemist Warrior—who feels for Tokuo—saves without a word.

Hideyoshi Okumura

Kazuki Okumura



Goate Makimura



Hideyoshi Okumura

Kazuki Okumura

Goate Makimura

Hideyoshi Okumura

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CHAPTER 55:
RAINY
EMOTIONS

長月



WOI ZING

WAAAAAAAAAH!!



READ THIS WAY





THE
MUSE
OF

BUSTED!

GETTING IN
A LITTLE
BIT OF HISTORY
ON TRUCK

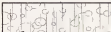
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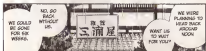
WANT TO
KNOW SOME
GIFTS TO LAST
A MONTH?

100

**YOU'RE
DISTURBING
THE OTHER
GUESTS!!**

DE
GARDIA





SEE
YOU!

OKAY,
TIL NEXT
SEMESTER
THEN.



SEE
YOU
SOON!

YEAH.











WHAT
ARE YOU
WASHING
ATT?

GET UP,
GALFA.



GET
UP.

I'M
DONE

I CAN'T
GO ON.

WASH
ATT



IF YOU
DON'T, I
CAN'T
TREAT
YOUR
WOUNDS



IF YOU
DON'T PASS
SURVIVAL
TRAINING...

...YOU'LL
NEVER
BECOME A
WARRIOR.



...YOUR WHOLE
FAMILY WAS
KILLED BY A
MONSTRUOUS
BEAST?

IF I
REMEMBER
RIGHT...

SCOTT
OH!!

I ONLY
KNOW WHAT
I'VE BEEN
TOLD

THAT'S
RIGHT.

IS THAT
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU,
TOMMY?



THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE.
TO GAIN THE
STRENGTH
I NEED TO
DO THAT.

I'M GOING
TO KILL EVERY
MONSTRUOUS
I CAN FIND!

BUT I
REMEMBER
THE FEAR

I DON'T
REMEMBER
MUCH
ABOUT IT.

TOU??



THE
DOCTORS
SAID THE
SHOCK GAVE
ME PARTIAL
AMNESIA.



THEN I
GUESS WE'RE
DIFFERENT!

AND THE
DATE I FELT
THERE IS STILL
SOMETHING INSIDE
OF ME



I DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER MY
FAMILY. MUCH
LESS THE BRIST
THAT KILLED
THEM.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING.

I WAS
JUST A
BABY.



SOMEONE
THOUGHT I HAD
THE POTENTIAL TO
BE A WARRIOR,
SO THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE.

THAT'S IT,
REALLY?

MY EARLIEST
MEMORIES
ARE OF AN
OBTUSCURE
DEAD BY THE
ALCHEMIST
ARMY.



I SEE.

SO I
GUESS...

...I'M
THROUGH.

I DON'T.

YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING
TO FIGHT
FOR.







YOU DON'T
KNOW
WHO I AM,
DO YOU?

EVER HEAR
THE NAME
"HIWATARI"?



BINGO,

YOU'RE
WARRIOR
CHIEF.



**HIWA-
TARI
?!** **!!**



**WARRIOR
CHIEF
HIWA-
TARI!!**

THEY SAY
HE'S A
POWERFUL
WARRIOR
CHIEF!

WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH YOUR
WARRIOR?

NEVER
KIND...

DON'T
WARRIOR
TEACH YOU
ANYTHING?



THEN...



I DON'T SEE
HER WITH YOU.
DID YOU FAIL?

WEREN'T YOU
SUPPOSED TO OBTAIN
WARRIOR
TOMORROW?



...WITH
KAZUKI
AUTO
RIGHT
NOW?

IS
SHE...



WE'RE GOING TO
RE-EXTINGUISH
KAZUKI AUTO,
COMMANDER
VICTOR III!

TAKES
ME TO
THEM?

AS OF
NOW,
YOU'RE A
MEMBER
OF THE
RE-EXTER-
MINATION
SQUAD.

TOM!

WHAT IF
YOU'RE THE
ONLY THING
STANDING
BETWEEN
THAT PERSON
AND DEATH?





...THAT
TRAITOR
TOKINO AS
WELL...



AND
THEN...

WE'LL
DEAL
WITH...



WE SHOULD
CAPTURE HER
AND LET A
COURT DECIDE
WHAT TO DO
WITH HER.

WE DON'T
KNOW IF SHE
REALLY
BETRAYED
US OR NOT!

HOLD
ONE



THAT WOULD
BE THE RIGHT
THING TO DO.

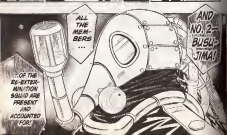
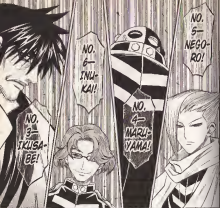
YEAH WE
SHOULD.



...TO
BREAK
THE
RULES.

BUT
SOMETIMES
IT'S MORE
FUN...





KS

MAYBE WE
CAN HAVE A
LITTLE FUN
WITH HER
BEFORE WE
KILL HER.

AND
YOU'VE
GOT A
TRAITOR
TO DEAL
WITH,
TOO.

W W W

WHAT
IF...

W

YOU
SOUND
CERTAIN
ABOUT
THIS.

ALL
RIGHT,
HERE'S
THE DEAL.

W

...YOU
WANT TO
PROTECT?

...YOU FIND
SOMEONE...



NO.



USE
US TO
THEM!

WELL,
WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING
FOR?



WHAT?

I WON'T
HELP
YOU KILL
TOKIKO!

...YOU
DIDN'T
TOUGH
IT OUT.

THEN
YOU'LL BE
SORRY...

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
SHE DID!

HYK

I WON'T
DO IT!!

...TO MAKE
YOURSELF
STRONG
FOR THAT
DAY.

THIS IS
YOUR
CHANCE!

FW
AS

IT'S SIX
AGAINST
ONE!!

HAVE
YOU
LOST
YOUR
MIND?

The New Light that Shines Toward the Heavens!

Buss Rankin File No. 11

サンライト
ハート 改

SUNLIGHT HEART PLUS



◀Kakugane Serial Number 03 (Black Kakugane)

◀Owner: Katsuki Muto

◀Frame: Lance

◀Main Colors: Gloss-white, Bright Yellow, and Red

◀Special Abilities: At the will of the wielder the energy in the lance activates, allowing the tip to separate and grow to any size necessary.

◀Special Traits:

- Very difficult to destroy with conventional attacks. Since Sunlight Heart Plus acts as Katsuki Muto's heart, Katsuki cannot survive if it is removed or destroyed.
- The lance is powered by Katsuki's own life-force. When he is in his "Vigor" form, he intentionally absorbs the life-forces of those around him, and the output of the lance is tremendously increased.

◀Author's Notes:

The powering up of the main character's weapon is a staple of boy's manga, and I've been trying to think of a way to power up Katsuki's lance ever since the series started. The original Sunlight Heart was designed by a professional, but it was big and complicated, which made combat scenes a pain. This new design is a welcome change. It looks more like a sword than a lance now, but I gave it the ability to grow and become like the old Sunlight Heart.

The basic design is more or less the same. I just kept my favorite features and simplified it. Of course, one should respect the work of a professional designer. To show my gratitude, I kept the dragon-face motif on the tip of the handle.

SUNLIGHT HEART+

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IT'S SIX
AGAINST
ONE!!

HAVE
YOU
LOST
YOUR
MIND?

EVEN A
ROOKIE
OUGHT TO
REALIZE
HOW
STUPID
THIS IS!



... NORMALLY
TALK THEIR
OPPONENTS
TO DEATH?

DO
COMBAT
VETERANS
LIKE
YOUR-
SELVES
...

YOU
GOT
A BIG
MOUTH,
KID.

東伸
具參

RENTAKU BUSO AK

CHAPTER 56

THE NEW THIRD





NO
WEAPON?

WHAT?



KRAASH

!!!

KRAASH

EWA SH





TELEKINESIS

TELEKINESIS
DEFORMATION
ABILITY



...THAT CIRCLED
AROUND BEYOND
OUR FIELD OF
VISION TO STRIKE
FROM THE SIDES



NO, YOU
LARGED
SOME SMALL
HIGH-SPEED
MOVABLE



MOTOR
GEARS!

BUSO
RENKIN
OF THE
CHAKRAM

SHA-SHING

SORT OF LIKE
SILVER.

THEY'RE
PROJECTILE
WEAPONS
FROM JAPAN.

WHAT'S A
CHAKRAM?

WARRIOR
CHIEF HANABUSE,
THE FISH WILL
DRAW A
CROWD.

IF WE'RE
GOING TO
PLAY, WE
SHOULD GET
TO IT.

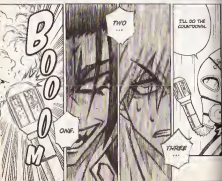
YES.

CLEVER.

WE DESTROYED
OUR VEHICLES
AND SET UP
A BARRAGE
SCREEN...

...SO THAT
HE CAN'T
ESCAPE.







GO!!

GRAAH!!

FWO

SH

IMP

HE'S RUNNING



HAAH??

HAAH??

SHO

N/K





WASH

NOT
GLUE.

GOT
'EM!



FWOON

GAAH!!

FWO

THE OCEAN



THAT'S IT
FOR NOW.
WE CAN'T
STAY HERE.

DEIDES

THAT
PLUNK!

HE
CAN'T
GET
AWAY!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

THP

FWOOOO

GLUP

GLUP

...THE ENEMY
HAS FLED THE
BATTLEFIELD.

WRRRR
MARINE
DIVER
MODE!

MOTOR
GEARS

RRRR

HE'S NOT
JUST A
PYROKINETIC

...

THAT
BLOW
SHOULD'VE
DISABLED
HIM, BUT
HE WASN'T
EVEN
FAZED!

THEN HE WENT
FOR OUR LEADER.
HE WAS WILLING
TO DIE TO TAKE
HER OUT.

KS
HH HH

WHAT KIND OF
BUGO RENKIN
DOES HE HAVE?!

HE STARTED
THE FEE TO
ATTRACT PEOPLE
SO THAT WE'D
HAVE TO CUT
SHORT OUR
BATTLE.

HE WASN'T
TRYING TO
GET AWAY.

PROPERLY
TRAINED, HE'D
HAVE A GOOD
WARRIOR.

HE KNOWS
HOW TO USE
HIS BUGO
RENKIN, TOO.

HE'S
GONNA GET
PROPERLY
KILLED!!

WELL HIS
TRAINING'S
FINISHED.

KS
HH HH

ARE
YOU OKAY,
KAZUTSU?

HH
HH
HH



THAT'S
WHEN I
FOUGHT
BRAYD LAST
NIGHT.

THAT'S
WHERE WE
DIED.

THOSE
BOOKS...

9

IT'S HARD
TO BELIEVE.

I NEVER
THOUGHT WED
END UP IN A
SITUATION LIKE
THIS.

I JUST
WANT THE
THREE OF
US TO GET
STARTED
ON A NEW
MISSION.

YOU AND
BRAYD ARE
MY COMRADES
IN ARMS.

YEAH.

I GUESS
WE'LL HAVE
TO GET USED
TO FIGHTING
AS A DUO.

NOW IT'S
JUST US.



The Gears of Wisdom Spin at High-Speed!

Buho Renshu File No. 12

モーター ギア MOTOR GEARS



▷ Release/Serial Number: W/534

▷ Creator: Genta Nakamura

▷ Form: Chakram

▷ Main Colors: Gold and Indigo

▷ Special Abilities: Velocity, angle of attack, and RPM can be programmed before they are thrown. They can also be used as hand weapons.

▷ Special Traits: Programming is done through neural induction. Their power source is the body's motor impulses. When thrown, they run on internal power storage. Consequently this Buho Renshu has one of the lowest power profiles.

The Chakram can also be attached to the hands and feet and used in the following ways:

On the foot: Assault Deter Mode (increased impact damage)

On the ankles: Sky Walker Mode (increased speed and mobility)

On the soles of the feet: Marine Diver Mode (increased mobility in water)

▷ Author's Notes:

The Motor Gears were inspired by a large gear that I found as a child. I was really excited because it looked like a weapon or some kind of secret key. I even hid it so that no one would find it. But before long, I lost it.

Kazuki is the embodiment of power and determination while Takiko embodies speed and berserk rage. It occurred to me that a small, versatile Buho Renshu would complement their more powerful weaponry. Genta turned out better than I'd hoped.

The design is a circle and a hexagon. I decided that simplicity was best in this case. Their geometric forms are really cool.

I had a hard time coming up with a name for this. The chakram is a weapon from India so I researched names of Indian gods and heroes, but nothing really grabbed me. As the deadline loomed, I got desperate and blurted out, "They're gears that run on the body's motor impulses, so they're Motor Gears!" and that was that. In retrospect, I think that name works pretty well since not every people know what a chakram is anyway.

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CHAPTER 57: RUNAWAY START

MOTOR GEARS



USER: GOUTA NAKAMURA

SUNLIGHT HEART plus



USER: KAZUKI MUTO

VALKYRIE SKIRT



東
映
片
空

USER: TOKIKO TSUMURA



IF WE
GO AT
THEM
HEAD ON...

KSH

SO NOW
WE'RE UP
AGAINST...

...TWO
HUNDRED
CHIPS
AND FIVE
HARRONS.



WELL,
I DON'T
EVEN
WANT
TO THINK
ABOUT
THAT.



SORRY.

MY
BAD

YEAH,
AND WE
DON'T WANT
TO BURN
DOWN
THE CITY,
EITHER.



I SEE...

F
O
O
O
O

HARRON
CHIEF
HARRON

...AND THE
RE-EXTERNA-
TION
SQUAD...



...IS
REALLY
GONNA
SUCK.

I HAVE A
FEELING...

...THAT
BEND
ON THE
RUN...



YOU'LL
STILL HAVE
TO FACE
DISCIPLINARY
ACTION...

DOH!!...

...BUT AT
LEAST YOU
WOULDN'T GET
KILLED.

YOU
SHOULD
GO TO HIS
AND TURN
YOURSELF
IN.



WE'RE
IN THIS
TOGETHER.

NO.

I'M
COMING
WITH
YOU.



...PUT
TOKIO
ON
THEIR
HIT
LIST.

THE RE-
EXTIRMI-
NATION
SQUAD HAS
ALREADY...



I'M
COMING
WITH
YOU.

IT'S A
DONE
DEAL.





THANKS
A LOT.

TOKIMO
TOLD ME
WHAT
YOU DID.







WAH WAH WAH

...ONE
ABANDONED
BUILDING
WERE
MONSTRIFIED

TWO
VEHICLES
AND...

FWRRRR

SO WHAT'S
OUR NEXT
MOVE?

THE
HIGHER-
UPS HATE
CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES.

SO FAR
...

...THERE
HAVE
BEEN NO
FATALITIES.

WE
HAVE
ONE
CLUE

BUT SHORT
OF THAT, WE
CAN DO JUST
ABOUT ANYTHING
WE WANT.

VEE EEW





...WHAT
GOOD IS
RATIONALITY?

HEY, OUR
BATTLE FOR
SUPREMACY IS
POWERED BY
ALCHEMY.
REMEMBER?
IN AN
IRRATIONAL
WORLD...

THAT'S
RIGHT.

IS A
"VICTORY"
WITH A
BLACK
KILL-
CONE

EVEN
IF HE
WASNT
FULLY
TRANS-
FORMED.

AND
DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
TARGET
THIS
TIME.

THAT'S
ME ALL
THE WAY!

AN
IRRATIONAL
SITUATION
CALLS FOR AN
IRRATIONAL
APPROACH.

...AND LET
THEM
KNOW THAT
VICTOR III
IS STILL
MORRY.

OO BREF
HEAD-
QUARTERS

KS W W W W W W W W





HONESTLY??



I THINK
I'M GOING
TO GET ALONG
WITH YOU
JUST FINE.

YOU
KNOW

TOKKONG
THE ONLY
ONE I CARE
ABOUT!

AND I
DON'T
CARE
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO ME,
EITHER!

NO
WAY!!

WIP

COME
ON, LET'S
SHAKE.

AT LEAST WE
WON'T HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT MONEY
FOR A WHILE.

OKAY, IT
WORKED.

PARDON
ME.

STAY AS
DRY AS YOU
CAN, YOU'LL
HEAL FASTER.

HAIR



KAZUKI'S
ALIVE!

SH
OO



OKAY!

GOYA
STOP
PUSHING!

WANT
TO BUY
JACKETED
LADYBELL?

NO! SIR...
IT'S A
MATTER OF
MONEY!

LET'S
GO!!





HE WON'T
BE EASY
TO KILL...

...AND HE'LL
NEVER
GIVE UP.



ESTIMATED TIME UNTIL EARLY AUTO PERMANENTLY TRANSFORMS INTO A VETERAN

41 DAYS

- Height: 176 cm, Weight: 63 kg
- Born: April 29, Aino; Blood Type: AB; Age: 17
- Likes: Tobiho's hairpins, burgundy blue color, Hasegawa's shoes
- Dislikes: Dark food, uniforms of Tobiho
- Hobby: All kinds of aquatic sports
- Special Ability: He can do anything for Tobiho
- Affiliations: Aetheria Army (Huntor/Reckless)

Character File No. 27

GOUTA NAKAMURA



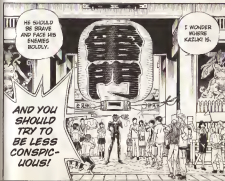
Author's Notes

- Gouta was originally supposed to be the sidekick of the main character of my today, Don Otero. First, his main character was supposed to be "love". I had a rough idea for this character even before I started this series. Originally he was supposed to be a student at Silver Academy who becomes an Aetherist. When I like Kuroki, I was going to have him be in love with Akira instead of Tobiho. But things change and with all of last year's work, he ended up being the way he is now. Gouta is very much a realist. The only thing in his life is Tobiho. He will remain loyal and devoted to her no matter what happens. A character whose sole motivation is the love of a girl is new for me, but I really enjoy drawing him. He's become one of my favorite characters. I really don't think his chemistry with Tobiho are very good, but maybe they can at least be good friends.

CHAPTER 58:
**EPISODE
ZERO**

純粋
月参





...SOUND
VERY
DANGEROUS
SO BE
CAREFUL.

...THESE
20-EXTER-
MINATION
SQUADS...

AND THEIR
PURSUERS...

IT SEEMS
THAT KATLUN,
OR MORE
LIKELY
TOKROT ...

...IS AWAKING
PLACES WHERE
THE ALQAMAT
ARMY ABOUT
LOOK.

...
MERCENARY...

IF I WERE
TO DESCRIBE
THEM WITH A
SINGLE WORD,
IT WOULD BE ...

...SO THEY'VE BEEN
GROUPED TOGETHER
UNDER A WARRIOR
CHIEF THAT CAN
CONTROL THEM
THROUGH FORCE,
IF NECESSARY.
THAT'S THE
20-EXTERMINATION
SQUAD!

THEY'RE EXTREMELY
SKILLED, BUT THEY
ALL SEEM TO HAVE
DIFFICULTY FITTING IN

THE
20-EXTERMINATION
SQUAD WAS THE
ONLY TEAM
AVAILABLE...

THE ALQAMAT
ARMY CONSIDERS
THE UPCOMING
BATTLE AN UNUSUAL
ONE. BECAUSE THE
PURSUERS ARE
OF THE HIGHEST
TO FIGHT ARE...

BUT WHY DID
THEY SEND
THESE SCARY
GUYS AFTER
KATLUN AND
TOKROT?

EXCUSE
FOR...



THEY MEAN
NOTHING
TO ME.

THE DIS-
EXTER-
MINATION
SQUAD,
CAPTAIN
BRAVO,
ETC....



I JUST
WANT
TO KNOW
WHERE
HE'D BE,
AND...

...WHERE
HE'S
GOING!



THEY'RE
HEADED
SOMEWHERE.

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THEY'RE
HUNTERING
AND-FUCK.



I'LL SEE
WHAT I
CAN FIND
OUT.

I AGREE



THE ONLY ONE
WHO HAS A
BUSHY PERMANENT
THAT CAN
COUNTER
THE SNEaky
DRAG.

THE MAN
WHO
KNOWS
KAT'S
BEST...

**CAPTAIN
BRAVO.**

I SAID,
LESS
CONSPIC-
UOUS!

AND I'LL
KEEP...

WAAH

WAAH

...FOR
A WEEK
NOW.

TINKLE

TINKLE

WE'VE
BEEN
ON THE
REAL...

TINKLE

TINKLE

NO
DEAL.

FOR
TOMORROW.

WHERE
ARE THEY?



AND
DO YOUR
BUSINESS
WHERE I
CAN'T SEE
YOU!



STOP
POLLUTING
THE RIVER!



LOOK!
I'VE GOT THEM!
THEY'RE HERE!

SPLASH



...YOU'RE
GETTING
ALONG
BETTER
THAN WE
WERE.

WELL, I
THINK.



WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO SAY?



YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL.

BACK
OFF!

AND WASH
YOUR HANDS
FIRST!

SHAME!



UNCLE.

ONE OF THESE DAYS,
I'M GOING
TO BEAT HIM
AND MAKE
HIM CRY
UNCLE!



CYRON,
GONZA.

CAN'T YOU
AT LEAST
TRY TO GET
ALONG WITH
AUNTIE?

NOT
POSSIBLE.

I JUST
DON'T LIKE
THAT GUY.



I THOUGHT
IT MIGHT
HELP IF I
SAID IT.

NO
GOOD?

AAA...



I WANT
TO HEAR
YOU SAY...

KISS ME,
GONZA!



SORRY.

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
HOPING TO
HEAR FROM
YOU, TORIACO.

FOOT

SO,
TOKYO...

WHERE
ARE WE?

COME HERE!
I'LL MAKE YOU
CRY UNCLE!!

TMP TMP TMP



...ONCE WE
LEAVE THESE
WOODS, WE'LL
BE EXPOSED
UNTIL WE
REACH OUR
DESTINATION.

I CHOSE A
ROUTE THAT
WOULD BE HARD
FOR ANYONE TO
FOLLOW, BUT...

THE TOWN OF
OKUTAMA IN
TOKYO?



OUR
DESTINATION

THE PLACE
WHERE YOU
GOT THIS.

THAT'S RIGHT
AFTER WE
LEFT CHINA,
WE TRAVELED
THE POPULATED
AREAS...
...OUT
THROUGH
NORTHERN
SAYAMA,
AND HERE
WE ARE









...AN
ALCHEMIST
WARRIOR?

ARE
YOU...

WHO'S
THERE?!



KR EESH

IMP

TAKE IT,
IT BELONGS
TO YOU
ANYWAY.

USE IT IF
YOU WANT.
BUT WHATEVER
HAPPENS, LET
NO HARM COME
TO IT.

...A
TERRIBLE
FATE WILL
BEFALL
YOU.

FOR
IF YOU
DO...



THE UNDERGROUND
CHAMBER HAD
DISAPPEARED,
TOO.

...AND THERE
WAS NO
TRACE OF
THE DAMAGE
IT'D DONE
TO THE
CROSS AND
THE FLOOR.



THE
FAKE
THAT
IT'D
BROKEN
WAS
GONE.



THE NEXT MORNING,
IT WAS DISCOVERED
THAT THE HOLY
STONE HAD BEEN
STOLEN, NOT
DESTROYED.



THE CASE
WAS SHELVED,
PENDING
FURTHER
INFORMATION.



WE COULD
FIND NO
EVIDENCE
TO SUPPORT
MY REPORT.

ANOTHER
HARBOR
CHECKED OUT
THE SITE A
FEW DAYS
LATER, BUT...



...KNOWS
THINGS
ABOUT
THE BLACK
KARUGANE
THAT'S IN
KAZUKI!



BUT I'M
SURE OF IT!
THE MAN
IN THE
MASK...



WE SHOULD
GO STRAIGHT
TO THE
ACADEMY,
AND...



...AND I DOUBT THE
RE-EXTENSION
SQUAD WOULD
THINK TO CHECK
OUT A LEAD
LIKE THIS.

HEAD-
QUARTERS
IS BUSY
PREPARING
FOR THE
BATTLE
AGAINST
VICTOR.



...FIND THE
MAN IN THE
MASK!!



IN A
LITTLE
WHILE,
IT'S NOT
GONNA
MATTER
ANYWAYS.



WASN'T
THAT IT?

"THE
FASTEST
CAT
GETS THE
FASTEST
PARTS."

SMIRK



Buso Renkin

Chapter 55: Raging Emotions

- I'd been wanting to play around with Gokū's hair and thought that this would be a good time since we'll be leaving Ginnai Academy behind for a while. I almost gave up on the idea, having missed my opportunity after the final battle with the LXE, but I really enjoyed drawing this group. Gouta trips on a stool and falls. What a tragic character!
- The flashback sequence shows how Gouta fell for Tokiko, but I didn't want to do the usual "tragic past that made him what he is today" stuff. Instead, I showed how Tokiko motivated him to try to become strong for the future. You tend to remember the people who had an impact on you when you were in school. At least I do.
- The Re-Examination Squad appears. The lack of pretty boys in this group triggered a massive boosing from our female readers. I even got boos by Ms. Kurotsuki.

Chapter 56: The New Third

- Gouta's fighting style and his Motor Gears are shown for the first time. I'm really glad I took some time to think about Gouta's attacks and how he would use the Motor Gears. I think this chapter turned out really well.
- The flames around Hwaataro were drawn by my assistants. They used Shishio's flames from *Kurumi Katsuran* for reference. This turned out to be more work than expected. Tones would have made the panels too busy so it had to be done the hard way. I got the idea for the flames coming out of Hwaataro's mouth from the American comic book character Chamber from *Generation X*. Sorry if I played around too much.
- Gouta joins forces with Tokiko and Kazuki. Once again we have a fighting threesome. Then again, I thought that enough time had passed that the readers may have forgotten this recurrent motif. I like to set up new encounters in places where a loss occurred.

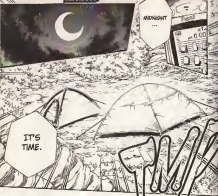
Chapter 57: Runaway Start

- Gouta is willing to pin them, but he won't shake hands with Kazuki. I decided to make the snub more comical than serious.
- Chitose calls Bravo on the phone. She says that she can hear in his voice that his heart isn't in killing Kazuki. When I wrote these lines, I thought I was being very clever because you can't hear voice tones in manga!
- My favorite scene in this chapter is the three of them under one umbrella. Tokiko invites Kazuki to come out of the rain, and Gouta invites himself. Then Kazuki casually tilts the umbrella toward Gouta so he doesn't get wet. I really like the way each character was portrayed here. Situations like this don't usually happen in a boy's comic.
- The readers are starting to think of Rapihan as comic relief, but I've always considered him to be the anti-hero of the story. And I really work hard so that his lines sound cool - or so I thought.

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我神月奈

CHAPTER 59:

NO INTENTION OF LOSING



BUSO
RENKIN

...

...OF THE
MILITARY
DOGS!

THEY
SNAPPED
US OUT!!

CRAP!

SHW

YOU'VE GOT
GATE TO
COME AFTER
US BY
YOURSELF!

YOU
MUST
BE FROM
THE DIS-
SEMINATION
GUARD!

INTERESTING!
THIS IS HOW
I LIKE—

THE
TENTS
WERE
DECOMB.
BUT?

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IF THIS IS
A GAME TO
YOU, THEN
LEAVE.



BECAUSE
TO ME...

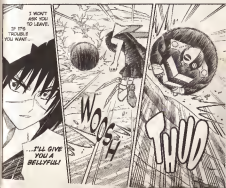
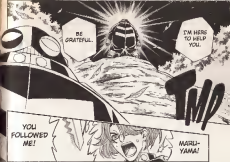
...THIS IS
LIFE OR
DEATH.



IF I DON'T
KEEP MOVING
FORWARD...

...MY
LIFE...

...AND
PROBABLY
THOSE OF
MY FRIENDS,
IS OVER.





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I'LL

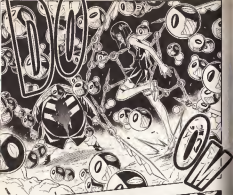
SPLAT-

TER

**YOUR
GUTS**

!!





IS THIS
HIS...

WHAT
ARE
THEY?

...BUBO
REUNITE?



THE BUGS
SEEM OF THE
FLOATING
MINES...



**BUBBLE
CAGE!**



...SHRINK
WHY?
EVER
THEY
TOUCH.

THE
BALLOON
MINES'
BLASTS...

WHAT
HAPPENED?

TEN MORE
MINES AND
YOU'RE
HISTORY!

YOU'RE
ABOUT
FIVE FEET
TALL. SO...

YOU'LL
LOSE ABOUT
SIX INCHES
PER BLAST.

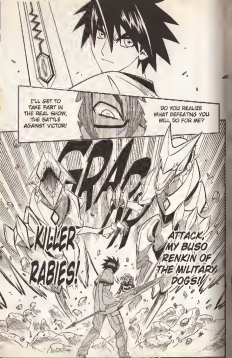
TOKI-
KO!

TOKIKO!

WHO?

NOW!





I'LL GET TO
TAKE PART IN
THE REAL SHOW,
THE BATTLE
AGAINST VICTORY!

DO YOU REALIZE
WHAT DEFEATING YOU
WILL DO FOR ME?

CRASH

**KILLER
RABIES!**

**ATTACK,
MY BUSO
RENKIN OF
THE MILITARY,
DOGS!!**





I
DON'T
CARE
WHO
YOU
ARE.

I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF LOSING!



IF YOU
WON'T
LEAVE...

THEN I'LL
MAKE SURE
YOU WON'T
COME AFTER
US AGAIN.





Buso Renkin

Buso Renkin



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SHONEN JUMP ADVANCED

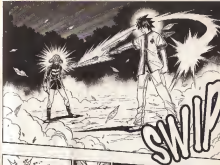
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CHAPTER 60:

WIND AND LEAVES



AND HE
DON'T
EVER
TURN
INTO A
VICTIM

WHAT
POWER!



1-800-800-8000



GIVE
IT UP.



YOU
MIGHT
EVEN
SEEM
WANT
DEADLY
KILLER
BODIES
CAN DO.

WE
HAVE
NO
INTENTION
OF
GIVING
UP.



PLANT
IT



BUT YOU
REALLY
SHOULD
WORRY
ABOUT
YOUR OWN
PROBLEMS.

OVERWHELM



STILL...

YOU'RE
NOT BAD,
KID

HAHA



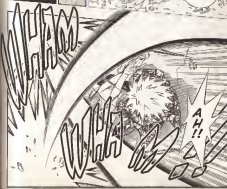
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



...A DIGO
DRAGON TURNING
BACK INTO A
HUMANINE.

WHY?

NOBILLY
AFTER TAKING
THAT KIND OF
DAMAGE...



AH!!

READ
THIS
PAGE



AND THAT'S
WHAT THEIR
DEFAULT
FORM IS—
MAD DOGS!

YOU'VE
HEARD OF
RADIES,
HAVEN'T
YOU?

IT
MAKES
DOGS GO
MAD!

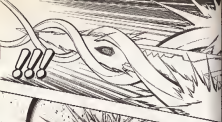
THEY'LL KEEP
ATTACKING UNTIL
THEY'RE TORN
EVERWHERE IN
THE AREA TO
PIECES—
EXCEPT FOR
THE PERSON
BEHIND THIS
ROD MASTERY!

EVEN I
CAN'T
STOP
THEM
NOW!

I JUST
RELEASED
THE SAFETY
LOCK!

UNH!

NO-
THING
CAN
STOP
THEM
NOW!!





CHOPPING
THEM IN TWO
ONLY WORKED
AGAINST YOU!

WITH THEIR
WEIGHT
HALVED,
THEIR SPEED
IS DOUBLED!



BUT YOUR
CHAKRAM ISN'T
POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO
TAKE THEM OUT.

STAND
BACK!

YOUR LANCE
IS TOO SLOW
FOR THESE
GUYS!



WELL, TOO BAD!

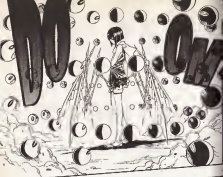
YOU'RE BOTH DEAD, AND
SO IS THE WARRIOR GIRL!



WANT
TO GIVE
UP?

HA
HA
HA

DO
YOU?



THEY MAY BE FALLING,
BUT IF
THEY'RE
BALLOONS...

FWOOSH

...THEN
I CAN DO
THIS!



KNOWING
THAT THEY'RE
BALLOONS IS
ENOUGH.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



I AM ABLE TO
MANEUVRE MY
BALLOON PINE,
ALBET SLOWLY.

SORRY I
DIDN'T EXPLAIN
BEFORE.

...AND
MOVE
THEM
WITHOUT
TOUCHING
THEM!!

I CAN
CREATE
A BLAST
OF WIND...

SHINDO





AND YOU
STRUCK
BACK SO
QUICKLY...



I'M SURPRISED
YOU DISCOVERED
MY WEAKNESS
AFTER ONLY
THREE HIT ONCE.

...IT CAN
BECOME A
TREASURE.

?!

BUT IF ONE
USES ONE'S
WEAKNESS
WISELY...

NOW
OPEN
WIDE!

WITH YOUR BLADE
STUCK IN MY BODY,
YOUR OWN MOBILITY
IS LIMITED.

WIND!





TOKIKO!
NO!

SHU-
WA-
WA-
WA-



BA-BOOM

STRIKE,
KILLER
RABBIT!



KILLER
RABIES
SENSE OF
SMELL IS
KEENER
THAN A
BLOOD-
HOUND'S

THEY HAD TO
CONCEAL
THE ACTS
FROM...

THEY
DON'T
NEED
TO SEE
THEIR
TARGET!!

SNIP



NO! THE
CHAKRAM
WAS A
DIVER-
SION!

THE
LANCE
WAS A
DIVERSION,
TOO.

YOU'RE
HALF
RIGHT.

...IS TO
TAKE OUT THE
CONTROLLER.

THE QUICKEST
WAY TO TAKE
OUT A REMOTE
CONTROLLED
BUSO DENKIN..

YOU
SAID...

...THE ONLY
ONE WHO'S
SAFE FROM
ATTACK...

...IS THE ONE
HOLDING THIS
WHISTLE, RIGHT?

GAAGA AAAAAH



Beware of Mad Dogs!

Buso Rankin File No. 13

キラレー レイビース KILLER RABIES



◦ Catalogue Serial Number: KR-93

◦ Creator: Kintaro Inokubi

◦ Form: Military Dogs

◦ Main Colors: Magenta and Paleviolet

◦ Special Abilities: Automated mechanical attack dogs

◦ Special Traits: They track their prey by scent, capture, and kill with claws and fangs.

Intelligence is equal to a normal dog; their sense of smell is twice as good, and they are about ten times faster.

In their default operating mode, they behave like rabid dogs. Inokubi controls them with a special dog whistle via their special collar locks.

◦ Author's Notes:

I had the idea for a military dog Buso Rankin for a long time. Most people think that buso means "weapon," but I consider it to mean anything related to combat.

Originally, I was thinking of having this be a bio-weapon that emitted a virus with rabies-like effects, but it would have caused problems with the plot.

There are two dogs because I wanted Kanaki and Gouta to have to work together. Normally, I don't like for the good guys to outnumber the bad guys, and the dogs covered the same. It's strange, but I don't have a problem with this when I'm watching shows like *Power Rangers*.

The design was improvised. They may have been inspired a bit by Ganshin's dog friend from the old anime. I usually like to draw these kinds of things myself, but that's hard to do when you're on a weekly schedule, so my assistants did some of the pencils. I wish I'd had the time to make them look and act more like real dogs.

KILLER RABIES

Chapter 58: Episode Zero

Using locales like Asakusa, Okuama, and Yokohama to create a sense of travel didn't work as well as I'd hoped. It's hard to do a "road movie" in a weekly comic.

- Taking a leak together is one of the things men just do. I've always wanted to show a scene like this. Gouta steals a peek, which shows that he has the weaker will. And the fact that Kazuki doesn't care shows his self-confidence. That's why Gouta gets labeled as the Underdog.

Newton Apple. I really like this name. I like the "gravity" those words seem to have. And some say that Newton was an Alchemist. I had to go with this name for the school.

- The appearance of the mysterious masked figure. The mask was inspired by the movie *Wings*. It's a French film like *Brotherhood of the Wolf* where I got the idea for the Silver Skull. I thought that nobody would catch on because *Wings* is a more obscure film, but I was mistaken. Combine that with Chamber from the previous chapter and I may be losing my touch. I'll be sure to be more careful.

Chapter 59: No Intention of Losing

First of all, let's not ask questions like "where did Kazuki come from?" Kazuki appears out of the sky and he seems very calm and collected. A man who's made up his mind is a very cool thing.

The Bubble Cage makes its appearance. I wish I could have made the bubbles bursting out of Maruyama like guts, but the deadline was upon us before I could get my assistants to understand what I wanted. All I could do was swallow my tears. The shot of Tokiko and Gouta coming out of the holes they'd dug beside the tents didn't come off very clearly either. And neither did the deactivation of the Killer Rabies. This chapter was full of little disappointments.

- Maruyama appears. To counter the beaming female fans, as well as Mr. Kurosaki, I made the man inside the suit good-looking... only he turned out to be a bit light in the loofers. It's no good. I just can't seem to draw pretty boys anymore.

Chapter 60: Wind and Leaves

- Inukui went on too long about the special abilities of the Killer Rabies. I know that long speeches bore the readers, but with the number of pages I had to work with, it couldn't be helped. Every chapter seems to be a struggle because I have to tell so many stories but I don't want the characters to be too flat.
- Tokiko vs. Maruyama. I finally got to show Tokiko enclosed in a cage of balloons, hence the name of the weapon. But, overall, it didn't work out as well as I'd hoped.

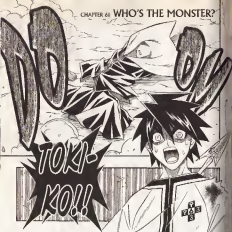
Kazuki and Gouta's fight scenes were a lot of fun to draw. We didn't have much time to plan out the fights, but their fear that Tokiko is in trouble is very visible in their expressions. It's rare for people to be able to work together so well without talking. I think one should treasure such friends.

Tokiko is miniaturized in battle. I used her clothes and small arms to show how small she'd become, but this trick created a whole new batch of problems for me in the next chapter.

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...HIS BUGO
REAIKI WILL
DEACTIVATE...

IF WE
DEFEAT
MURU-
YAMA...

...AND
TOKI-KO
SHOULD
RETURN TO
NORMAL!



SHIT'S
STILL
ALIVE!

RELAY
THE ONLY
GUY HIT
BEFORE ON
EIGHT
TURNS.

RSHHHHHHHHH







CHAPTER 61:

WHO'S THE MONSTER?



I WAS
CAROLAN.



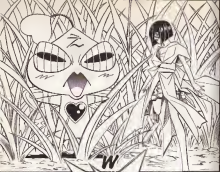
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PLIP
PLIP
PLIP

...I'LL
KICK HIS
BUTT!

BUT
NEXT
TIME...





W
A
A
A
H
!!



GO-
ZEN
?!

PAPILLON!!

YOU'RE
LOOKING
A BIT THIN,
TOKIKO.



THAT'S
RICH,
COMING
FROM
YOU!!

HAVE
YOU NO
SHAME?

AND
THOSE
CLOTHES!



OHAYO?

I'LL
EXPLAIN.

OHAYO,
TOKIKO.

BE
EP

WHAT'S
GONG ON
HERE,
BOBBY?
EXPLAIN!

AT LEAST
YOUR
ATTITUDE'S
STILL BIG.







THEY
COULD BE
CLOSING
IN ON YOU
ANYTIME
NOW!

THE ALCHEMIST
ARMY KNOWS
WHERE YOU ARE!



YOU HAVE
TO GET AWAY
FROM THERE
IMMEDIATELY!

WE'LL
REMEET YOU
LATER!

WE'LL COME
GET YOU
RIGHT AWAY
HERE—



GOSEN
AND...

...CHOLINO
PI

GUIN
HACKED
HIGH
COMPUTERS.
I'M WITH
GOSEN AND
PAPILLON



YOU GUYS,
GIVE WHAT
YOU CAN OF
OUR STUFF
AND HEAD
INTO TOWN!

WE'LL
MANAGE
WITHOUT
YOU!



AND I
EXPECT
A LITTLE
GRATITUDE.

I'M
GOING
TO HELP
YOU
ALSO.



SO I HEAR
YOU'RE GOING
TO TRANSFORM
INTO A PRIDE-
BEAST MONSTER
IN FIVE WEEKS.

WE'VE
HEARD
YOU CAN
DO IT



IT'LL BE
FINE!

DON'T
WORRY!

I DON'T
REALLY TRUST
OUKA, AND
PAPILLON IS
AN ENEMY,
BUT...

...OUKA'S
TRUST IN
KAZUKI AND
PAPILLON'S
OBSESSION
WITH HIM ARE
BOTH VERY
REAL.

...YOU
KNOW
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN.

CHOUJO

IF ANY
HARM
COMES TO
TOKINO...

NOW,
IF SHE
PROVOKES
ME, THAT'S
ANOTHER
MATTER.

DON'T BE
INSULTING.
I STOPPED
PLAYING
WITH DOLLS
YEARS AGO.

WHO ARE
THEY??

I WON'T
CALL THEM
ALLIES...

...BUT
THEY'RE
WILLING TO
HELP.

WHAT'S
GONE ON?

YOU
WERE
ALLIES?

H
M
P
H

BLEEP?

...AND A
HUMANOID
HOWLINGULUS.

A FORMER
FAMILY...

BIRDS OF
A FEATHER,
HUH?!

OH,
THAT'S
GREAT!!

WH
UP

I DON'T CARE
IF HE GETS RE-
EXTINGUISHED
OR BRINGS A
MONSTER ON KILL
BUNNET!

HER SAFETY
IS ALL THAT
I CARE ABOUT

IS FIGHTING
ALL RIGHT?

THEY'RE
PLAYING
SCHOOL ON
SIS (SHE)
THINKS
BUT HE'LL
APPEAR.





THERE'S
NO NEED
FOR THAT.

NO.

SWUP

ZAK

THUD

AND SOMEONE
FROM THE
ALCHEMIST ARMY
WILL CERTAINLY
COME FOR YOU

THE
SALVAGE
WILL KEEP
YOU ALIVE AND
EVENTUALLY
HEAL YOU

ZAK

ZAK

ZAK

...PITY
ME!!

DON'T
YOU
THE

**KILL
ME!**

TO
RATHER
DIE...

...THAN BE
TREATED
LIKE A
DEFEATED
DOG!

NO.

...NOT
PEOPLE.

WE USE
OUR BUSO
REININ
TO KILL
MONSTERS

...

OUR
POWER IS
MEANT...

DE-
SIDES
...
...UNDER
DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES,
WE'D BE ON THE
SAME SIDE.

...TO
PROTECT
PEOPLE,
REMEMBER?

...WE'D BE
FIGHTING
THE REAL
ENEMY.

INSTEAD OF
FIGHTING
EACH OTHER...





WE BELIEVE
IN THAT
PHILOSOPHY
COMPLETELY..

...WE ALL
BELIEVE IN
DESTROYING
OUR ENEMIES.

...EVEN
TOKIO
AND I..

THE ALCHEMIST
ARMY AND THE
RE-EXTERMINATION
SQUAD. .

...BETWEEN
US AND
HIM...

SO...



...WHO'S
THE REAL
MONSTER?



Height: 165 cm Weight: 55 kg
Born: March 7 / Floor: Blood Type: A Age: 20
Likes: Big dogs, pickup trucks of dogs
Dislikes: Small dogs
Hobby: Mimicking talk shows
Special Ability: Able to mimic various dog sounds
Affiliations: Ashworth Army, 1st-Extermination Squad

Character File No. 28

RINTARO INUKAI



Author's Notes

I got the idea for the Rapa-Rapa of the Military Dogs first and developed Inukai's character to complement it. So basically he only exists because of the Rapa-Rapa. Unfortunately because he was created in a hurry I really couldn't define his personality as much as I would have liked, but I kind of like creating characters that have something to prove.

I based his design on two of the many character designs I'd done previously. I especially like the one with cat ears and floppy hair.

By not to think of him as just a defeated dog. After all, you can't be defeated unless you have the courage to go into battle in the first place.



Busho Renkin CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL!! PART 2



Lemmygo Employee 100%



Bonaparte Wanda 100%



Homoculus Kirya 100%



Rurik Watanabe 100%



Rito 100%



Sae-chi 100%



Raji Kallamara 100%



Oki-cho 100%



Shizuka Chikara of Boring 100%



Bonaparte Wanda 100%



Shizuka Chikara 100%



Bo Chikara 100%



S. Chikara of Boring 100%



Shizuka Chikara of Boring 100%



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ESTIMATED THE UNIT RATIO AND PERMANENTLY TRANSFORMS INTO ANOTHER

28 DAYS

[illegible]

DOESN'T THAT
MAKE SENSE?

10-10-10
 10-10-10
 10-10-10
 10-10-10

100%
 100%
 100%
 100%
 100%
 100%

CONSTITUTIONAL
COURTS AND
JUDICIAL REVIEW

AND THERE'S
NOT THE
ONLY THING
THE VICTIMS
ARE ABOUT.

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...IT'S
NOT
FUNNY.

IF
THAT'S A
JOKE...



IF YOU
MANAGE TO
STOP YOURSELF
FROM BECOMING
A VICTOR...

HEY...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN "IF"?

THAT?



...ARE YOU
STILL GOING
TO BE AN
ALCHEMIST
WARRIOR?



I THINK
I CAN FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
ANYONE IF
IT'S FOR A
CAUSE I
BELIEVE IN.

WILL YOU BE
ABLE TO FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
PEOPLE WHO
TRIED TO
KILL YOU?



...WE CAN
BE ALLIES.

AS LONG
AS WE'RE
FIGHTING
FOR THE
SAME THING...



OH,
GOOD.
YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE.
♡



HELLO
...

WHO?



WHERE?

I'M IN
CHINA-
TOWN.

YOKO-
HAMA.



FORGET
YOUR PORK
BUNS!

HOW'S
TOMORROW

TOMORROW

...AND
FORGET
THAT YOU
IN THE CITY
OF GODS.

AAA...
THERE'S
SOMETHING
TO BE SAID...





CAN WE
GET DOWN
TO BUSINESS,
CHOLINO?

I'M
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME.



ALL
RIGHT.

AND
THEN
...

...WE'LL
HEAD FOR
NEWTON
APPLE
ACADEMY.



WELL...

YOU
WILL
MEET
TODAY-
NOW
AGAIN.

AT THE
FORSYTH'S
COUNTRY



THERE'S
JUST
NOW
HE IS

BUT
YOU'RE A
WOMAN-
GALAND!



BECAUSE
I'M GOING
TO ENJOY
SOME TASTY
CHINESE FOOD
TODAY!

HOW
ABOUT
WE
MEETING
UP RIGHT
ABOUT

WOMAN!



I AGREE.

ON YOUR
CONDITION,
GOING TO THAT
REVENUE WOULD BE
SUICIDE.



YOU
CAN'T WAGE
WAR ON
AN EMPTY
STOMACH.

RIGHT?



...BUT I'VE
BEEN WATCHING
YOUR EATING
HABITS FOR
A WEEK NOW.

AT FIRST I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
JUST BEING
CAPRICIOUS...



SINCE THE FEAR
NATTLE WITH THE
BAG, YOU'VE HEALED,
BUT YOU STILL
HAVEN'T COMPLETELY
RECOVERED.

YOU STARTED OUT
AS AN INCOMPLETE
HOMOLOGUS WITH
AN INJURY-SCALE
DISEASE...



YOU'RE
SMARTER
THAN I
THOUGHT.

VERY
DISCREET
OF YOU.



SMACK



IT'S SAY
YOU'RE
ONLY AT
ABOUT
30 TO 40
PERCENT.

I WON'T
LET YOU
EAT ANY
PEOPLE.

BUT
REMEMBER,
NEED...

THEY'D
FEEL YOU
WANT...

RAHNE!
OH!
SUBBANY!

BUT I
REALLY DO
WANT SOME
CHINESE FOOD.

SO
MANY
CHOICES
...♡

IT SEEMS
LIKE
THAT'S
THE ONLY
WAY TO
GET THOSE
GAMERS.

I'VE
BEEN
WANTING
ABOUT
THAT
AS WELL.

AT LEAST,
IN THE TWO
PEOPLE THAT I'VE
SEEN WITH HER,
HE HADN'T
SHOWN MUCH
OF AN INTEREST
FOR THEM.

A HORROR-
CLASH...

HE
DOESN'T
WANT
TO BUY
PEOPLE!

RIGHT NOW
IT'S JUST
CHINESE
FOOD I'M
CRAVING.

ALL
RIGHT?
♡

I DON'T
NEED
YOUR
PERMISSION
FOR THAT,
BUT...



BE-
DEEP

YOKO-
HAMA
LAND-
MARK
TOWER

BE-
DEEP

BE-
DEEP



CHIEF?

HABISON
CHIEF
RENTAL
THERE'S
A CALL
FOR YOU

BE-
DEEP



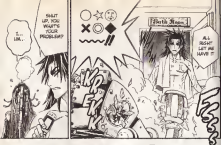
WHAT?

FEEDING ON
HUMAN BEINGS
IS A PRIMAL
INSTINCT FOR
HOMINIDS. WHEN
HE FIRST TURNED,
HE DEVoured AT
LEAST 20 PEOPLE.

WHAT'S
GOING ON?



WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO HIM?!





NO SIGN
OF THEM
YET.

BUT IT'S BEEN
A WEEK SINCE
THE BATTLE IN
ORLUM. SO
THEY MAY BE
CLOSE.

AND THE
COUNCIL?



...WITHIN
THE CITY
LIMITS OF
YOKOLAH
RIGHT NOW



I BELIEVE
THAT'S...



IS
WARRIOR
DELIVER...

...WITH
YOU
RIGHT
NOW?



OF
AND
ANOTHER
THING

PEACE

ALL RIGHT,
CONTINUE
YOUR
MISSION



...ARRIVED
THIS MORNING
FROM HQ.

THE ITEM HE
REQUESTED...





YOU CAN'T
WAGE WAR
ON AN
EMPTY
STOMACH.

MY
LUNCH.

FLIP ON



YOKOSUKA'S
A BIG CITY.



THAT'S ONLY
MY ILLUSTRATIONS
I'VE NEVER
LET ME DOWN.



GOING
OUT TO
FIGHT?



YES.



Up

...THAT
WARRIOR
DROPS
SABERS OR
HEAVYBLADE...

WARRIOR
DROUGHT HAS
DEPLETED ACROSS
HOMINGULLI...

DON'T YOU
KNOW?

HE'S VERY
SAFE ON
HIMSELF...

IS HE
THAT
GOOD?

HE CURRENTLY
HOLDS THE
RECORD FOR...

...THE MOST
HOMINGULLI
DESTROYED!!

IMPACT
OF ALL
THE ACTIVE
WARRIORS
IN THE
ALCHEMIST
ARMY...

...
FIRST?

NOW
THEN...

WHERE
SHALL
I GO...



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CHAPTER 63 GEKISEN, THE CROSS SPEAR

HHMM?

THERE'S A
HORRIFICALLY
MURDERY...

THAT
PRESSENCE

WELL...

...HOW
CAN I
PASS
THIS
UP?

MY
DISTRICTS
WERE
LEADING ME
SOMEWHERE
ELSE...

NOT...

WELL, MAYBE
IF YOU DIDN'T
DRESS LIKE
SUCH A FREAK,
YOU WOULDN'T
ATTRACT SO
MUCH ATTENTION!

THIS CROWD
IS REALLY
BOthersOME.



WHICH
WASP
SHOULD
I TRY?





CHAPTER 63:
**GEKISEN,
THE CROSS SPEAR**



...LACKS
AN APPRECI-
ATION
FOR ALCHEMIST
COUTURE.

IT SEEMS
THAT NOT
EVERYONE
AMONG THE
ALCHEMIST
WARRIORS



YOU'RE
A SHARP
DRESSER
FOR A
HOMIN-
CULUS.

WELL,
WELL...

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING WITH THIS GROUP...

...YOU MUST HAVE QUITE A STORY TO TELL, HONMUN-GUNG.

LOOKS LIKE MY INSTRUCTS WEREN'T SO FAR OFF AFTER ALL.

HUH?



YOU'RE AN
A-CHEIST
WARRIOR!
DON'T YOU
KNOW
BETTER
THAN TO
START A
FIGHT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF CHINA-
TOWN?

AND
YOU!

WELL, I
SUPPOSE
YOU HAVE
A POINT.

YOU THINK
YOUR FORMER
COMRADE HERE
WILL LET US GO?

NO,
YOU FOOL!
YOU CAN'T
FIGHT HERE!

DON'T BE
NAIVE.

THEN
LET'S GO
SOME-
WHERE
MORE
PRIVATE.

IT'S BEST
TO FACE A
PURSUER
HEAD ON.

WE CAN GLID
IT OUT THERE
WITHOUT ANY
INTERUPTIONS

THERE'S AN
ABANDONED
WARRIORS
DISTRICT A
LITTLE WAY
FROM HERE.



LET'S
DO IT!

AND MAKE
ALL THE
NOISE YOU
WANT!



I'M QUITE
AWARE
OF THAT.
O



REMEMBER,
HE CHOSE
THIS
BATTLE-
GROUND,
NOT YOU!

DON'T
LET YOUR
GUARD
DOWN,
PAPPY!

IT
COULD
BE A
TRAP!



HOW-
EVER...



Butter

...IT
WOULDN'T
MATTER.

WHATEVER
HE THINKS
AT ALL...

...WITH MY
NEAR-DEATH
HAPPINESS.

...I'LL
BLOW
AWAY...



BUT...

DO YOU
HAVE A
BLIND
REGION

YOU'RE
A REAL
SPECIAL
HOMUN-
CULUS
BUT

ZAX



AN
ATTACK
LIKE
THAT...



HEY!!
IT
REQUIRED
ITSELF



RAPID
AUTOMATIC
RECOVERY!

THAT
MUST BE
THE CROSS
SPEAR'S
SPECIAL
ABILITY!

...WON'T
STOP
GEKI-
SEN!

SH OOH

HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

THEN
...

BO

OW

HIS
ARM!

HE
BLEW IT
OFF!!





NOT
GOOD
ENOUGH!

ZAK
ZAK
ZAK



WHAT
?!



LIKE
THAT?

WELL, LET'S
SEE YOU
REGENERATE
FROM
SMITHERS' EYES!

DO YOU
HAVE THE
POWER TO
REGENERATE,
BUT?





EEEEEEK!

HIGHLY
ESCAPE
VELOCITY!

I HAVE A
HARD TIME
CONTROLLING
MY STRENGTH
WHEN I'M
HUNGRY.

ARE
YOU
OUT OF
YOUR
MIND?!

PAPU-
LON!

OOPS.
SORRY.

IT'S NOT JUST
THAT HE WASN'T FULLY
DECOMPOSED. HE WAS
LIKE THE MAN HE
FOUGHT EARLIER. TOO
HE LOOKS STRONG
BECAUSE HE'S NOT
FULLY DEVELOPED.

HE'S
TOLD

THE FOUR
PELLOWS
HE THOUGHT



IF I'D
TAKEN
HIM
ALIVE...

PERHAPS
THIS WAS
A MISTAKE

...WE COULDN'T
QUESTION
HIM ABOUT
VICTOR AND
THE ALGONQUET
ARMY.

WHAT
A MESS.

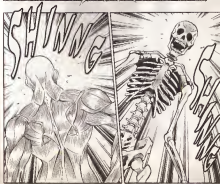
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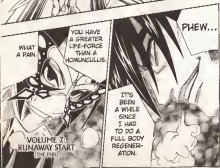


...OF HIM
LEFT.

THERE'S
NO TRACE
...







WHAT
A PAIN.

YOU HAVE
A GREATER
LIFE-FORCE
THAN A
HOMINGULUS.

PHEW...

IT'S
BEEN
A WHILE
SINCE
I HAD
TO DO A
FULL BODY
REGENERATION.

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(THE END)



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Chapter 61: Who's the Monster?

Oh, no! Tokiko is going to be naked from this point on! What should I do? And from that point on, I had to scramble for ideas. Ever since the chapters with the swimsuits, I've become more comfortable drawing the female form, but naked is a bit too much. Anyway this is a manga for young boys. So, Mr. Kusaka and I thought long and hard about how to get out of this situation. Then she said, "Well, she did bondage the boys' hands," and I thought, "That's it!" and ended up using up too many pages to show how Tokiko got out of that situation. Tokiko messes up with Papillon. The main point of this chapter was to make Kazuki and Gonta work together, and to put Tokiko with Papillon. The comment Papillon makes about being too old to play with dolls is really about me. Sure, my dolls tend to be collectible action figures, monsters, and robots, but, well...

The line "who's the real monster" is the main theme of an upcoming storyline. Also, up until this point, Gonta only cared about Tokiko, but here he starts to admire Kazuki. It's an important turning point.

Inukai gets beaten like the dog he is. If only I'd had more pages to work with him...

Chapter 62: Kusabe Attacks

The big issue at hand here was the popularity poll. What battle manga has a female character get the most votes? I guess I achieved one of my goals by creating a leading female character that fights, but, actually there was one fan that sent in a large number of votes for Tokiko. Otherwise, Kazuki would have come in first.

Inukai was so pathetic that I decided to allow him a small victory—he tore up their money. It might not seem very important in a boy's comic, but in the real world, not having money is a serious problem.

The relationship between Kazuki and Gonta continues to improve a little. The trouble is, as long as Tokiko exists, the two can never really be friends.

Since they were in Chinatown, I put Tokiko in a Chinese dress. Girls have to be fashionable, right? I'll have to explain what Chitose was doing in a schoolgirl uniform at a later date. Sorry.

Papillon's lessening appetite for people is something I've been working on since the start. The question is, how will a person who's not completely a Homunculus but no longer human behave?

Papillon's line about not liking to receive calls but liking to make them is another example of my personal habits being transferred to my characters. I guess I'm a lot like Papillon—we're both a little twisted.

Chapter 63: Gelkion, the Cross Spear

The line where Kusabe compliments Papillon's outfit shows that Kusabe isn't quite right in the head. Have I become incapable of creating a normal character?

I got the idea for Gelkion's special abilities from watching *Mellow Man*. I had to study up a bit on muscles and bones, but it was fun to draw. Still, I think I need to study some figure drawing in the future to get the muscles right.

This chapter was a bit thin for Busto Rentan, but the impact of the Cross Spear's power seems to have saved it. Anyway, it was worthwhile because it may have given me an idea for a later storyline. That was a nice turn of events.

And so →

To be continued





Coming Next Volume

Kazuki and Tokiko are still on the run! They head toward Apple Newton Academy, the place where Tokiko originally retrieved Kazuki's black inkugama. Tokiko is reduced to the size of a doll, but she still manages to fight alongside Kazuki and Gouta to take on three of the hunters and Captain Bravo himself! All this, plus the story of Captain Bravo's past revealed!

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